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**MOUNTAIRE OFFERS INSTALLATION OF DEEP WELLS AND CONDITIONING SYSTEMS TO
HOUSEHOLDS NEAR MILLSBORO**

MILLSBORO, DE (December 15, 2017) Mountaire Farms announced today that it will be offering complimentary installation of deep wells and the appropriate conditioning systems (or potentially a public water supply option), to owners of approximately 88 properties in an area south and west of its Millsboro facility, regardless of the levels of nitrates found on their properties. This service will be offered as a potential replacement for the bottled water and filtration systems Mountaire Farms has provided to the property owners since the wastewater incident that occurred in August of this year.

“Mountaire Farms has been an integral community partner and economic driver in Delaware, supporting over 5,000 jobs at our plants, thousands of related jobs, and hundreds of growers and farmers in our local communities. For over 100 years, our company has made the communities where we live and work a top priority, and we take our neighbors’ concerns very seriously,” said Michael Tirrell, Mountaire Executive Vice President of Processing Operations. “We have cherished the trust of the Millsboro community for nearly two decades, and we will do everything necessary to keep that trust and continue being a good corporate neighbor for years to come.”

Mountaire is taking this action because some Millsboro residents have expressed concern over elevated levels of nitrates in their drinking water. However, high levels of nitrates are widespread throughout Sussex County and this condition has existed for many years, and Mountaire does not believe that the recent wastewater treatment system upset is a significant source of these elevated levels. Indeed, to date, most of the properties have shown levels of nitrates below the 10mg/l level. The new wells will be much deeper than most wells in the area, at depths typically not affected by nitrates commonly found in shallow groundwater.

Mountaire is in the process of reaching out to eligible residents about this offer. Those with further inquiries may contact Sean McKeon, Director of Communications and Community Relations at smckeon@mountaire.com or (302) 934-4170.

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About Mountaire Farms

Mountaire Farms is an agricultural food processing company providing work for over 8,500 people at facilities in Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina. Mountaire Farms is a privately owned, Jesus-centered company with a commitment to the communities in which our employees work and live.

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